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Advance Copy of JPRS Report on Albanian Manufacturing Industries,  
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1. This is an excellent report. It contains a great deal of very helpful detail. It is especially helpful in indicating the technical level of Albanian manufacturing industries and in suggesting the size of those industries. We found that for our purposes the material on light industry and on handicrafts was very good. The report contains much good information on plans. It is useful in helping to determine the size, technical level, and location of plants.

2. There are two points which should be mentioned for the sake of guidance for future handling of Albanian materials.

a. Plan fulfillment reports given in percentage terms for periods shorter than one year have not usually been found to be useful because they cannot be related to absolute figures. Annual plan fulfillment reports given in percentage terms are more often useful.

b. Production and plan reports of small political subdivisions such as towns and districts are of little value unless they can be related to plants within the areas covered by the reports. We cannot add up reports from small areas and come up with reliable totals, but we do like to know, if we can, that plant X in an area is producing at such and such level.

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